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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES \$858,000 IN CDBG AWARDS FOR YANCEYVILLE AND COFIELD

RALEIGH— Gov. Mike Easley today announced Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards totaling \$858,000 for the towns of Yanceyville and Cofield. The grants are used for community improvements in low- and moderate-income areas.

“These funds help us improve the economic well being and quality of life for the people of our state,” said Easley. “Our community development program is designed to enable communities to build stronger neighborhoods and better opportunities for our citizens through improvements to infrastructure that will encourage economic development.”

Cofield, which is in Hertford County, will receive \$700,000 to undertake revitalization activities in its Hertford Street project area and to make improvements to the town’s sanitary sewer system. Yanceyville in Caswell County will receive \$158,000 to improve a part of the public sewer system that services 18 families. Yanceyville has been designated a 21st Century Community by the North Carolina Department of Commerce. That designation allows local officials to partner with the Commerce Department to tailor bold initiatives and strategies for rapid economic vitality.

CDBG funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are given to the state to allocate to local governments for community improvements in low- to moderate-income areas. The state Department of Commerce’s Division of Community Assistance administers North Carolina’s Small Cities CDBG program. All North Carolina counties are eligible to apply for funds except for Wake and Cumberland counties, which have been designated as urban areas by HUD.

Including these final two grants, North Carolina has awarded 130 Small Cities CDBG grants totaling more than \$50 million in 2004.

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